

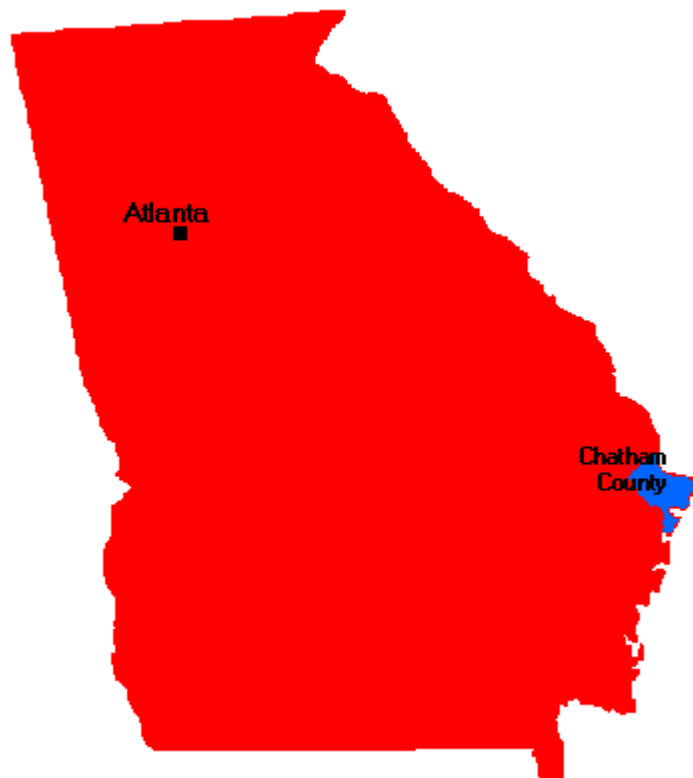
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Savannah

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 131,674 (1998 Estimate); 137,812 (1990 Census)
- County: Chatham
- County Population: 216,935 (1990 Census)
- County Race: 60% white; 38% African American; 0.2% American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut; 1% Asian/Pacific Islander; 0.4% other race; 1.2% Hispanic origin (of any race)

Politics²

- Mayor: Floyd Adams, Jr.
- City Council Members (District): David Jones (1); Gwen Goodman (2); Ellis Cook (3); Courtney Flexon (4); Clifton Jones (5); Tony Thomas (6); Edna Branch Jackson (At Large Post 1); Pete Liakakis (At Large Post 2)
- Governor of Georgia: Roy E. Barnes
- Chief of Police: David M. Gellatly

Programs/Initiatives

- Executive Office of Weed and Seed³
The City of Savannah received its first Weed and Seed grant in 1994 and now serves as a training site for other Weed and Seed communities. Savannah has been a leader in Community Oriented Policing for several years. With the cooperation of law enforcement, social service agencies, schools, community organization, and city residents, Savannah has been able to implement the Weed and Seed program. The Target Area for this program is located in the section of Savannah that has the highest crime and poverty rates. This area, which measures to be .75 square miles, is made up of five distinct neighborhoods and one public housing development. Tutorial and after-school programs, a community computer lab, a Head Start program and free meals for children are among the programs and resources that are now available to Savannah residents living in this area.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime⁴

- During 1998, there were 11,597 index crime offenses known to police in Savannah.

Number of Index Crime Offenses Known to Police, Savannah, 1998

| Murder/ Non-Neg. Manslaug hter | Forci- ble Rape | Robbery | Aggrav. Assault | Burglary | Larceny- Theft | Motor Vehicle Theft |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 29 | 61 | 563 | 447 | 1,903 | 7,431 | 1,163 |

- During 1998, there were 26,053 arrests for drug abuse violations in Georgia.

Arrests in Georgia, 1998

| Offense | Juveniles | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | 15 | 185 |
| Forcible rape | 39 | 276 |
| Robbery | 222 | 1,637 |
| Aggravated Assault | 703 | 7,349 |
| Burglary | 875 | 3,751 |
| Larceny-theft | 3,732 | 16,734 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 547 | 1,916 |
| Arson | 52 | 225 |
| Drug abuse violations | 2,388 | 26,053 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 281 | 20,414 |
| Liquor Laws | 800 | 5,996 |

Enforcement

- There are currently 494 full-time law enforcement employees in Savannah. 403 of these are officers, and 91 are civilians.⁵
- One of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Drug Enforcement Investigative Division's Regional Drug Enforcement Offices is in Savannah. This office is responsible for investigating major drug cases such as trafficking, smuggling, clandestine labs and major drug distribution organizations.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² City of Savannah Web site: <http://www.ci.savannah.ga.us/index>

³ Weed and Seed site: <http://www.weedseed.org>

⁴ FBI, *Uniform Crime Reports, 1998*, October 1999: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/98cius.htm>

⁵ Ibid.

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